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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 16, 2004

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam today encouraged military and overseas voters to mail their applications for absentee ballots to voter officials as early as possible in order to ensure that their ballots can be mailed and returned in time to be counted before the general election on November 2, 2004. Ms. Lam's comments were part of a nationwide effort to ensure the protection of the rights of eligible voters currently serving in the military overseas or living abroad through the effective enforcement of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act.

U.S. Attorney Lam, whose duties include the enforcement of federal laws within San Diego and Imperial Counties, explained that eligible voters may use the Federal Post Card Application to register and request an absentee ballot, applications are available online at www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.html. The application can then be sent to the Registrar of Voters for the county of the voter's residence:

San Diego County Registrar of Voters

Sally McPherson, Registrar of Voters
P O Box 85656
San Diego, CA 92186-5656
<http://www.sdvote.com/>

Imperial County Registrar of Voters:

Dolores Provencio, Registrar of Voters
940 West Main Street, Suite 202
El Centro, CA 92243-2865
<http://www.imperialcounty.net/Election/>

Ms. Lam stated, “Inherent in our obligation to ensure that the rights of all voters are protected is the particular duty to ensure that these rights can be exercised effectively by our citizens serving in the military or living overseas.” An Assistant United States Attorney will be available on election day for reports of any potential violations of federal voting and civil rights laws.